

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota libraries are part of the larger American Dream – places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning. Our state's public, academic, school and specialized libraries help people change the world; and,

Whereas, South Dakota libraries play a vital role in providing hundreds of thousands of people with the resources they need to live, learn and work in the 21st century; and,

Whereas, South Dakota libraries are dynamic places with librarians that are the ultimate search engine, helping people of all ages find the information they need in print and online; and,

Whereas, South Dakota libraries bring us a world of knowledge, both in person and online, as well as personal service and assistance in finding what you need, when you need it; and,

Whereas, South Dakota libraries are a key player in the national discourse on intellectual freedom, equity of access and narrowing the digital divide; and,

Whereas, Librarian recruitment is critical to South Dakota's libraries in order to maintain their vitality in today's changing workplace; and,

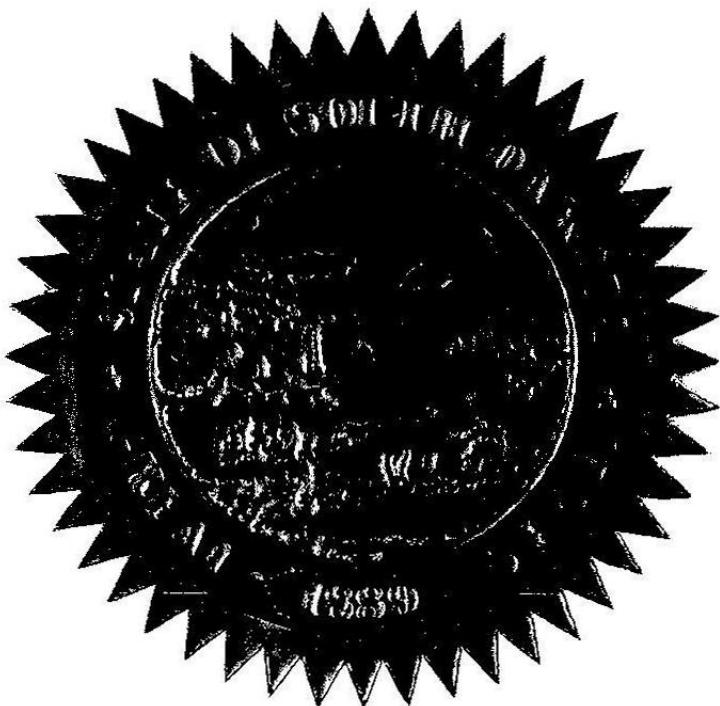
Whereas, Awareness and support must be increased for South Dakota libraries, librarians and library workers by raising their visibility in a positive context and by communicating clearly and strongly why our libraries are both unique and valuable; and,

Whereas, Libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week with *The Campaign for America's Libraries*:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 2 – 8, 2006, as

LIBRARY WEEK

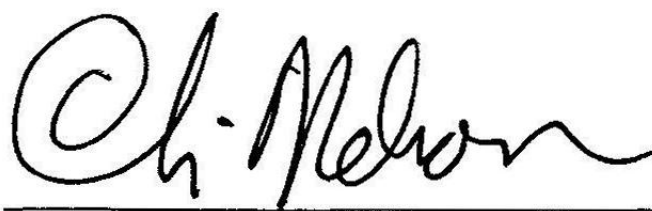
in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State